

June 21, 2019

Subject: Levee board meeting of 6-19-19

Although Wednesday's levee board meeting was better attended, it was disappointing because there were very few residents from Moonraker. A plea was made by Suzanne Kreeger, a levee board member, to get more residents to meetings. She stressed the fact that this is the time to put forth ideas and plans. You do have an opinion, suggestion, right to know everything being presented or implemented. Our representation at these meetings will bring the dollars to our side of St. Tammany Parish.

There were six members present, enough to make a quorum. Neel Schaeffer presented their report which included the continued collection of data base from parish records and the expectation of a meeting with the parish next week. There was a meeting (entities in attendance) held recently on 6/4/19 with the Coastal Protective and Restoration Authorities (CPRA) that offered model reports, draft reports, report on the ring levee project behind us, and alternative projects including our project (already submitted) and alternative projects. These projects must include feasibility, cost - benefit ratio, tax base from the assessor's office, levee alignment, and a future workshop. The levee board has requested a storm-surge model to be attained. Neel Schaeffer agreed and has the modeling to do that.

The consensus of opinion from a third engineering firm that reviewed the 6/4/19 report agreed with its contents except the format.

Most of the meeting reflected two very important suggestions held within the grand scheme of our flood protection: concepts and reality:

Next week there will be concepts from CPRA posted on the levee board website, <STLDCD.com>.

Pay attention to the costs and the concepts. These, in my opinion, will never be implemented for several reasons.

Reality involves the campaign for funding from local, state, federal, and our willingness to pay taxes to get the protection we need.

The state's master plan has offered more ecological reconstruction and development. The effort has been creating businesses.

Should you believe that our protection will never come, you are wrong. We are closer than ever to achieving success. The unfunded levee board that has been working for us is less than seven years in existence and, just as our homeowners' organization, has no paid members. It works because of dedicated people who are willing to put themselves out for a cause that is important for us all. The levee board operated on a budget that is just short of fifty thousand dollars.

I always think that Moonraker is our little piece of heaven. I can't understand those of us who don't support our homeowners' organization which works so hard to benefit our community. If you haven't paid your \$50.00 dues, please do so.

One more thing.. the garden was installed yesterday, 6/20/19, by Earl Parker (985-415-1206) who did a great job. Saturday Baker-Pile will prepare the ground at the median. If anyone has some extra St. Augustine grass or runners, please bring the grass to me at 114. If you like variegated ginger, Earl brought it to me. Come get some.

Unfortunately the sections of the bridge that were removed and replaced will undergo the same procedure once more.

Bonnie